

Dillon Resource Management Plan

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This is the third in a series of update letters you'll be receiving as we move through the planning process and develop an RMP for BLM managed public lands in the Dillon Field Office.



If you received this letter, you are on our mailing and/or email list. If there is a problem with your address information, or you would like to be removed, please contact Andrea Wiggins at (406) 683-8022 or send an email to MT_Dillon_RMP@blm.gov. The BLM Dillon Field Office address is 1005 Selway Drive, Dillon, Montana 59725. If you know of someone who would like to be added to the mailing list, pass this information on and have them contact Andrea or the email box.

You may also visit our website at www.mt.blm.gov/dfo/rmp.

We are sending this short update to keep you informed on where we are with the Dillon RMP. **If you know of someone who would like to be added to the mailing list, pass this information on and have them contact Andrea Wiggins at (406) 683-8022.**

Western Montana RAC Subgroups

Our last update contained information on the issue-based subgroups to be convened by the Western Montana Resource Advisory Council, also known as "the RAC". These subgroups address particular components of the Dillon Resource Management Plan (RMP). Two subgroups have been meeting over the

past few months to discuss ACEC nominations and road and trail designations. Both subgroups will make reports to the full RAC at the next RAC meeting scheduled to begin at 9 a.m. on June 10 at the BLM Butte Field Office. The RAC will then determine what recommendations, if any, they

want to forward to the BLM for consideration in the RMP process. The Travel subgroup report is on the agenda for 10:30 a.m.; the ACEC subgroup report is scheduled for 1 p.m. The public can direct comments to the RAC during the public comment period between 11:30 a.m. and 12 noon.

Your Comments Are In On Wild and Scenic River Eligibility

Over 250 copies of the Draft Wild and Scenic River Eligibility Report were distributed in March. Comments were due on April 30. Thirty-seven (37) responses were received and are being reviewed by the BLM to determine if any changes to the eligibility

recommendations should be made. We hope to finalize this assessment sometime in June. Any rivers determined to be eligible will then be studied further as RMP alternatives are developed to decide if any rivers should be found suitable for inclu-

sion into the National Wild and Scenic River system. This is called the suitability study and is conducted as a component of the overall Resource Management Plan. The RAC may convene a subgroup to assist in the suitability study.

The Information Fair

Turnout for the Information Fair held at the Dillon BLM Office in April was low, but those attending viewed over 60 maps, spoke with resource specialists on their particular interests, queried BLM information available in GIS, and viewed digital photographs and map data from the 2001 road and trail inventory. Fair attendees also browsed through information regarding Wild and Scenic Rivers and nomination information related to Areas of Critical Environmental Concern (ACECs). If you attended—THANKS FOR COMING!

Dillon RMP Website

We have updated the Dillon RMP website with a new look and feel—and with some new information. Maps that were on display at the Information Fair can be viewed from a link on the RMP website. Check it out at www.mt.blm.gov/dfo/rmp. Questions?? Contact Andrea Wiggins at (406) 683-8022.

***For further information on the RMP and the planning process, contact
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